

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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December 21, 2004

FROM: JERRY L. HARPER, Chief Probation Officer
Probation Department

SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILE COURT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Contract with the State of California, Department of the Youth Authority (CYA), for diagnostic services and temporary detention for juvenile offenders, not to exceed \$150,000 for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Section 1752.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides that a contractual agreement must be entered into between the County, upon request of the Board of Supervisors, and the CYA for diagnostic and treatment services of certain juvenile offenders. Prior to sentencing certain offenders to a CYA facility, judges require a diagnostic study of the juvenile. The study, performed solely by the CYA, may include an evaluative social history, psychological testing, and psychiatric study. Individuals accepted for diagnostic study are generally housed at a CYA facility, except when impractical due to the location of the referring court. Upon completion of the study, a detailed report is provided, which contains a recommendation to the referring court for disposition.

Since June 2001, the Board of Supervisors has approved successive annual contracts with the CYA. The Department is requesting to renew contract services with the CYA, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The FY2004-05 rate established by CYA is \$5,850 per month, per youth, which includes a ten percent increase over the prior fiscal year rate of \$5,315 per month. The maximum time allowed for each diagnostic study is 90 days; thus, each referral may require a maximum dollar cost of \$17,550. However, the Department has observed that most studies average 30 days, with approximately two studies performed per month.

On June 24, 2004 the Department informed the Board that the new contract would be delayed until the state could provide new rates. The Department received notice of the revised rates on December 7, 2004, and is being presented for approval at the first available Board meeting.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed and approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Dawn Stafford, 387-5471, Deputy County Counsel) on December 13, 2004, and the County Administrative Office (Laurie Rozko, 387-8997, Administrative Analyst) on December 8, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost associated with this item, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, is included in the Department's FY2004-05 budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Mel Rinewalt, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, 387-5855

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